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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL, PARA 2, REPRESENT MOST REALISTIC ZJSIS FOR DISCUSSION WITH CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY ABOUT FUTURE DIRECTION OF EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM. AT THIS END, WE HAVE NO INDICATION OF GOC PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE, ALTHOUGH MFA REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO MATTER WAS "UNDER STUDY."

2. MINED HAS INFORMED US THAT THERE WILL BE NO REQUEST FOR A FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR OF LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE IN BRNO, AS FACULTY THERE, DESPITE INITAL OVERTURES TO US, PREFERS SOMEONE WITH A "BRITISH ACCENT."

3. LOCALLY, WE DO NOT EXPECT EITHER CULTURAL OR EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES TO BEGIN TO TALK SPECIFICS ABOUT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS UNTIL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT TALKS ARE WELL UNDER WAY TOWARD COMPLETION. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS SUGGESTED AT VARIOUS TIMES THAT SUCH DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE USEFUL, GOC BUREAUCRACY DOES NOT APPEAR GEARED UP TO DISCUSS BOTH AGREEMENT AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN SAME SESSION.
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